

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 35 were pending in this application. Claims 2-22, 24-32, and 34 are amended herein. Claim 33 is cancelled without prejudice to pursuit of this or a similar claim in a later-filed application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-32 and 34-35 will be pending and under active consideration.

The specification is amended to insert a cross-reference to PCT/EP2003/050640, filed September 19, 2003, of which this application is a national stage application, as well as a cross-reference to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/412,308, filed September 20, 2002, from which this application claims priority.

Claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-17, 21-22, 25-32, and 34 have been amended for dependency. Claims 2-14, 16-22, and 24-31 have been amended for grammatical purposes. Basis for amended claim 10 may be found in claim 11 as originally filed. Basis for amended claim 11 may be found in claim 10 as originally filed. Basis for amended claim 32 may be found in claim 34 as originally filed.

Because the amendments are supported by the application as originally filed, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks made herein into the file history of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in good and proper order for allowance and early notification to this effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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